SB-71.03
Bill to Hold ASOSU Legislators Accountable for Office Hours
“Jacob Vandeveer and Dan Cushing Legislator Accountability Bill”

WHEREAS ASOSU Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are required by the statutes to hold at least one hour of office hours per week;

WHEREAS All candidates for legislative office agreed to these standards when choosing to run for election;

WHEREAS There is currently no way to hold legislators accountable for holding their office hours;

WHEREAS The ASOSU Congress should be a professional organization that holds its members to set standards;

WHEREAS Students at OSU should have the opportunity to discuss issues with their legislators during office hours;

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 2 A Part 5 shall be added to the ASOSU Statutes to say:

Office hours of Representatives shall be mandatory. Any Representative who fails to hold office hours for three consecutive weeks or for four weeks in a single term (excluding week ten and finals week) shall have their seat declared vacant by the Speaker of the House.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 3 A Part 5 shall be added to the ASOSU Statutes to say:

Office hours of Senators shall be mandatory. Any Senator who fails to hold office hours for three consecutive weeks or for four weeks in a single term (excluding week ten and finals week) shall have their seat declared vacant by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 3 B part 3 shall be amended to say:

Each Senator shall submit their office hours for the term to the President Pro Tempore and the Congressional Clerk by the first Friday of the term. The office hours for each Senator shall be posted by the clerk.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 2 B part 4 shall be amended to say:

Each Representative shall submit their office hours for the term to the Speaker of the House and the Congressional Clerk by the first Friday of the term. The office hours for each Representative shall be posted by the clerk.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 4, A part 4 shall be added to the ASOSU Statues to say:

The Congressional Clerk shall report all absences from office hours of Senators and Representatives at their corresponding meetings.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

“Office hours” shall be defined as time spent in the ASOSU office distinct from time spent in committee meetings or other business of the ASOSU. It shall be time during which members of the ASOSU may meet with legislators to discuss ASOSU-related issues.

ENACTED BY THE ASOSU Congress
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